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Warner wants to protect the state. I would too if I were in his position in the Legislature, but I don't know what the counties are supposed to do. We have got the same problems. They have the same problems of changing tactics from the government, from the state. The only trouble is they have a seven percent lid to deal with, which the state does not have, and apparently the federal government does not have either. I don't know what kind of a lid they are going to have. But it just seems to me that, I don't know, Senator Cope said they had some control. I have been sitting here trying to think of what it might be. I am sure they do have a right to screen the applicants and look at some of the records, but if they do anything about it and that welfare director has screened those people according to the state specifications, they are just whistling Dixie in the dark because nothing is going to happen. They are going to put them right back on, if we take them off, or if the county takes them off. So I really don't see the relationship. I think it is a state program. It should be funded by the state, at least to a degree. I am not sure I want to take it all off either. But the kind of money we are talking about, ten percent is still a considerable chunk of it, and I don't think it is unreasonable at all to think that the state should pick up the rest of it. This is a priority bill for the counties. If you think the state is in trouble financially trying to raise money, we put a self-imposed lid on ourselves that Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee and the Governor want to live by, self-imposed. The counties have a state-imposed lid on them to live by. So I think that we are being very wrong in trying to push that cost on the county just so the state will look good. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill, and Senator Kahle has closed. All those in favor of advancing the bill to E & R for Review vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Are you ready for LB 167?

CLERK: 39A.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 39A is a bill introduced by